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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the specification of the above-referenced U.S. National Phase Application as follows. Marked copies of the revisions have been provided in the attached Appendix I.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 14-27, with the following paragraph:

B --FMRF (SEQ ID NO: 59) amide, one of physiologically active peptides, is a peptide isolated from the ganglia of bivalve, which structure was determined for the first time (Price, D.A. & Greenberg, M.J., Science, 197 670-671, 1977). Since then it has turned out that peptides having an RF amide structure at the C terminus and peptides having a structure similar to the RF amide structure are present over many species of the invertebrate animal. Many peptides having the RF amide structure are reported to be